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Amendments To The Specification

Please amend the title to read: **ANTIBODIES TO OSTEOPROTEGERIN BINDING PROTEINS.**

Please replace paragraph one at page 1, line 1 of the specification with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/880,855, filed June 23, 1997, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/842,842, filed April 16, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,843,678, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Please replace the Abstract of the Invention at page 57, line 3 of the specification with the following:

A novel polypeptide, osteoprotegerin binding protein, involved in osteoclast maturation has been identified based upon its affinity for osteoprotegerin. Nucleic acid sequences encoding the polypeptide, or a fragment, analog, or derivative thereof, vectors and host cells for production, and binding assays are described. Antibodies specifically binding osteoprotegerin binding protein are also described. Compositions and methods for the treatment of bone diseases such as osteoporosis, bone loss due to arthritis or metastasis, hypercalcemia, and Paget's disease are also provided.